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Senator Joseph Lieberman Chairman Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510

Senator Susan Collins Ranking Member Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs U.S. Senate Washington, DC 20510 Senator Thomas Carper
Chairman
Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management,
Government Information, Federal Services, and
International Security
Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Lieberman, Ranking Member Collins, and Senator Carper:

I am writing on behalf of our approximately 1,200 member companies to commend you on your introduction and ongoing improvement of S. 3480, the "Protecting Cyberspace as a National Asset Act of 2010" to address the threats we face in today's interconnected environment. Further, we appreciate the collegial collaboration of you and your staff with those of us who share your concerns about this important issue. In this regard, we welcome the incorporation of many recommendations made by TechAmerica and other stakeholders to improve the bill for today's Committee markup. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your excellent staff as the Senate considers cybersecurity legislation.

The bill provides for three specific and important elements of cybersecurity today: elevating cybersecurity in the White House and the Department of Homeland Security as well as in the federal agencies; updating federal information security management to reflect a risk-based approach with continuous monitoring; and bolstering the public-private partnership to incorporate collaboration at the earliest possible stage and on a continuing basis.

Specifically we note the following improvements in your substitute amendment:

- Increased clarity regarding the designation of covered critical infrastructure;
- Incorporation of a dynamic and consultative process between industry and government in security requirements; and
- Enhanced reflection of industry's role in securing the global supply chain. In this regard, the language in Section 253 (as amended in substitute), which expressly recognizes the importance of commercial items and the acquisition by the government of such items from the broadest pool of commercial suppliers, is now preferable to other legislative proposals regarding global supply chain security.

We appreciate the conscientious efforts of the Committee to collaborate with all stakeholders in an effort to fashion constructive change. We are committed to our continued engagement with you and your colleagues to improve cybersecurity legislation moving forward.

Respectfully yours,

Phillip J. Bond President and CEO